

PYMOHAN.

7th-12th May 1948.

SRINAGAR AND URI, KASHMIR.

KASHMIR CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE

Kashmir celebrated the attainment of freedom from the autocratic rule of Maharaja Sir Hari Singh for one week. Although the raiders from Pakistan are still in the state territory, the Kashmiris know that the efforts aided by the Indian Army will force the raiders to leave Kashmir. The Prime Minister of India Pandit Nehru also took part in the celebrations. And meanwhile Maharaja Sir Hari Singh went to Uri front to inspect the Indian Army positions.

Due to bad weather the programme of the celebrations was upset and yet the people seemed to enjoy the attainment of their independence.

Pandit Nehru inspected Indian Army troops as well as the Parade of Kashmir police, Militia, Women's National Guards and the Children's Corps. The most picturesque item was the river procession of Pandit Nehru.

ROLL 1 & 2

Flag hoisting ceremony at Srinagar Secretariat. The ceremony was performed by the Prime Minister of Kashmir Quaid-e-Azam Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah who is commonly known in Kashmir as Sher-e-Kashmir or the Lion of Kashmir. Meanwhile the Maharaja Sir Hari Singh went to the Uri front and he explained the different positions taken by the Indian Army. The Indian army General was accompanied by the Maharaja.

ROLLS 3 & 4

The City of Kashmir was well decorated to receive Pandit Nehru in the town. Pandit Nehru is seen arriving at the Indian Army H.Q., where he inspected the Guard of Honour and presented the Reward of Gallantry to an Indian N.C.O. for bravery in the last War on the Burma Front.

ROLLS 5, 6, 7.

Meanwhile the joint parade of all the defence corps of Kashmir was held at the Polo Grounds of Srinagar. The next day Pandit Nehru inspected the parade.

Close-ups of the Women's guards and Militia. Close ups of typical Kashmiri spectators. Pandit Nehru addresses the Parade and takes salute.

ROLLS 8 and 9

More shots of the parade from the balcony. Close ups of Pandit Nehru and Begum Abdullah, wife of the Kashmir Prime Minister.
River procession, Pandit Nehru in the boat, further shots of the procession.
